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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: EVENING WITH CHAMPIONS INVITATION TO
SOVIET SKATERS

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FOR DIANA MOXHAY

1. DEPT INFORMED PARRY AND MONRAD CONTENTS REFTEL. DEPT ASKS IF SOVIET SKATERS COULD PARTICIPATE IN EVENING WITH CHAMPIONS PERFORMANCES ON NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1. IF SOVIETS ACCEPT INVITATION, ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED AFTERNOON DECEMBER 2 AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN FOR BENEFIT OF JIMMY FUND. THIS PERFORMANCE WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNLESS SOVIET SKATERS PARTICIPATE.

2. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS EXCHANGE CONSIDERABLE. SENATORS KENNEDY AND MANSFIELD HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS TO SOVIETS. OTHER SENATORS HAVE WRITTEN TO DEPT.

3. IN ORIGINAL INVITATION, PARRY-MONRAD SAID INTERNATIONAL
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TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE PROVIDED, ASSUMING DEPT WOULD COVER

COST. WHEN INFORMED THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE UNDER AGREEMENT,
PARRY-MONRAD NOW REQUEST SOVIET SKATERS PAY OWN INTER-
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY SOONEST. ROGERS

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